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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/503553
Filing Date	February 11, 2000
First Named Inventor	Christophe Pierrat
Group Art Unit	2877
Examiner Name	Khaled Brown
Attorney Docket Number	303.311US2
Customer No.	21186

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING PRINTING OF A PHASE SHIFT MASK HAVING A PHASE SHIFT ERROR.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 16, 2003.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. ☐ An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 ( pages ) is enclosed.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney ( pages ) is enclosed.
5. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed ( pages ).
  - a. Form(s) 1449
  - b. Copies of IDS Citations
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☒ A petition for extension of time in the prior application ( 1 pages ) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of \$110.00 to pay the extension fee.
9. ☒ Others: A Communication Concerning Related Applications (2 pgs.).

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**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Attn-Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 17 day of November, 2003.

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